

I claim:

1. A golf ball comprising:

a core;

an inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of 60  
or more molded on said core, the inner cover layer comprising a  
5 blend of two or more low acid ionomer resins containing no more  
than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid;  
and

an outer cover layer having a Shore D hardness of 64  
or less molded on said inner cover layer, said outer cover layer  
comprising a relatively soft polymeric material selected from the  
group consisting of non-ionomeric thermoplastic and thermosetting  
elastomers.

2. A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the inner  
cover layer has a thickness of about 0.100 to about 0.010 inches  
and the outer cover layer has a thickness of about 0.010 to about  
0.70 inches, the golf ball having an overall diameter of 1.680  
inches or more.

3. A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the inner  
cover layer has a thickness of about 0.050 inches and the outer  
cover layer has a thickness of about 0.055 inches, the golf ball  
having an overall diameter of 1.680 inches or more.

4. A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the outer layer comprises a polyurethane based material.

5. A multi-layer golf ball comprising:

a spherical core;

an inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of about 60 or more molded over said spherical core, said inner cover layer comprising an ionomeric resin including no more than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid and having a modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi;

an outer cover layer having a Shore D hardness of about 64 or less molded over said spherical intermediate ball to form a multi-layer golf ball, the outer layer comprising polyurethane based material.

β. A multi-layer golf ball comprising:

a spherical core;

an inner cover layer molded over said spherical core to form a spherical intermediate ball, said inner cover layer comprising an ionomeric resin having no more than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid and having a modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi;

an outer cover layer molded over said spherical intermediate ball to form a multi-layer golf ball, the outer layer

10 comprising a non-ionomeric elastomer selected from the group consisting of polyester elastomer, polyester, polyether polyurethane and polyester amide, said outer cover layer having a modulus in a range of about 1,000 to about 30,000 psi.